

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended). An automotive grille comprising:
  - a substrate having a first and second side and dimensions adapted to be mounted to the front of a vehicle, wherein the substrate includes a plurality of decorative members defining a plurality of exposed surfaces and a plurality of front faces positioned adjacent the first side of the substrate wherein the exposed surfaces and the front faces are substantially coated with a coating material to inhibit oxidation of the substrate;
  - a plurality of mounting structures attached to the substrate on a second side opposite the first side, wherein the plurality of mounting structures are adapted to secure the substrate to the vehicle; and
  - at least one decorative weather resistant member formed of a tarnish resistant material and dimensioned to match at least one of the front faces of the plurality of decorative members of the substrate wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member adhered to the at least one front face to substantially cover the at least one front face to further inhibit oxidation of the at least one front face of the substrate.

Please add the following new claims:

2. (New) The grille of Claim 1, wherein the substrate is formed of aluminum and the at least one decorative weather resistant member is formed of stainless steel.
3. (New) The grille of Claim 1, wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member is adhered to the at least one front face using epoxy.
4. (New) The grille of Claim 3, wherein the epoxy is a liquid epoxy resin.
5. (New) The grille of Claim 1, wherein the coating material comprises a powder coat material.
6. (New) The grille of Claim 5, wherein the powder coat material is a black satin powder coat material.
7. (New) The grille of Claim 1, wherein the front face of the decorative member is a horizontally extending elongate member.
8. (New) The grille of Claim 1, wherein the at least one decorative member comprises a plurality of decorative members.

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9. (New) The grille Claim 1, wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member comprises a plurality of decorative weather resistant members.

10. (New) The grill of Claim 1, wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member comprises a plurality of decorative weather resistant members.

11. (New) An automotive grill comprising:

a substrate having a first and second side and dimensions adapted to be mounted to the front of a vehicle, wherein the substrate includes a plurality of decorative members defining a plurality of exposed surfaces and a plurality of front faces positioned adjacent the first side of the substrate wherein the exposed surfaces and the front faces are substantially coated with a coating material to inhibit oxidation of the substrate;

a plurality of mounting structures attached to the substrate on the second side opposite the first side, wherein the plurality of mounting structures are adapted to secure the substrate to the vehicle;

a plurality of decorative resistant members formed of a tarnish resistant material dimensioned to match a plurality of the front faces of the plurality of decorative members of the substrate wherein the plurality of decorative resistant members substantially cover the plurality of front faces to further protect the plurality of front faces of the substrate.

12. (New) The grille of Claim 11, wherein the substrate is formed of aluminum and the at least one decorative weather resistant member is formed of stainless steel.

13. (New) The grille of Claim 11, wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member is adhered to the at least one front face using epoxy.

14. (New) The grille of Claim 13, wherein the epoxy is a liquid epoxy resin.

15. (New) The grille of Claim 11, wherein the coating material comprises a powder coat material.

16. (New) The grille of Claim 15, wherein the powder coat material is a black satin powder coat material.